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RAJYA SABHA

**Continuance of RCTDC at Rajahmundry and Narsapur**

2563. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government to give sanction for continuance of Regional Coir Training and Development Centre at Rajahmundry and Narsapur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has also requested the Central Government to give sanction to Demonstration-cum-Production Centre in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Central Government have agreed to continuance of both these Centres; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (d) According to information available, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested continuance of Regional Coir Training and Development Centre under the Coir Board. However, the State Government would consider taking over the demonstration-cum-production centre at Narsapur without its staff.

(e) and (f) The RCT & DC Rajahmundry and DCPC Narsapur in Andhra Pradesh were set up by the Coir Board on an agency basis on behalf of the State of Andhra Pradesh in 1984 and 1991 respectively on the condition that the RCT & DC will be transferred to the State Government on or before the end of 6th Plan period and the DCPC on completion of 5 years. The State Government has been advised to take over these two centres failing which it has been decided to close them down and hand over the infrastructure to the State Government.

**FDI in films and advertisement**

2564. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to allow 100 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in films and advertisements;